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FOR ATHERTON FROM PARKER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSP
SUBJECT: CHANCERY LEASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 166507

1. CHANCERY LEASE IS MORASS. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU DETAILED TELEGRAM ON SUBJECT. BRIEFLY, WE HAVE IMPRESSION ALI REZA'S AGENT HAS BEEN GIVING HUNTING LICENSE TO GET AS MUCH OUT OF US AS HE CAN. HE HAS CLAIMED, AND FORMER EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER UNFORTUNATELY AGREED TO, RENT CONSIDERABLY ABOVE WHAT THEY ENTITLED TO UNDER RENT LAW. THIS WAS PRESENTED AS PACKAGE, ONE PART OF WHICH REJECTED BY ALI REZA. WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING FROM GROUND ZERO SINCE THEN. IN EFFORT TO PROTECT INTEREST OF US TAXPAYERS, WE HAVE TRIED TO CONSIDER THIS A STRICTLY BUSINESS TRANSACTION, WITHOUT POLITICAL OVERTONES -- REGARDING ALI REZA AS A LANDLORD AND NOT AS A SAUDI POLITICO, AND TRYING TO EXERCISE OUR LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER RENT LAW. WE REALIZE THIS PROBABLY UNREALISTIC IN LONG TERM, BUT HAVE FELT WE SHOULD AT LEAST DO OUR BEST.

2. HOW IMPORTANT IS IT POLITICALLY THAT WE MEET ALI REZA'S TERMS?

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